

HOUSE BILL 2571

By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, relative to the Tennessee peace officer standards and training commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-102, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 38-8-102.

(a) There is hereby established the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "commission".

(b)

(1) The commission shall consist of the following:

(A) Two (2) active law enforcement officers below the rank of captain or equivalent rank, who shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4) years;

(B) Two (2) active law enforcement officers of the rank of captain or above, who shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4) years;

(C) Three (3) active municipal chiefs of police (or the equivalent rank), who shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4) years;

(D) Three (3) active sheriffs, who shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4) years;

(E) Two (2) citizens who are not in the field of law enforcement, who shall be appointed by the governor for terms of four (4) years;

(F) One (1) active director in charge of a regional law enforcement training academy, who shall be appointed by the governor for a term of four (4) years;

(G) The attorney general and reporter or his or her designee;

(H) One (1) active member of an accredited Tennessee university's criminal justice program, who shall be appointed by the governor for a term of two (2) years; and

(I) One (1) member of the senate and one (1) member of the house of representatives who shall be appointed by the respective speakers and who shall be nonvoting members of the commission to serve for terms of two (2) years.

(2) The commission shall include at least one (1) person who is of a racial minority and at least one (1) person who is female.

(c) Each municipal chief of police appointed by the governor at any time shall be appointed from a list of not more than five (5) nominees from the governing body of the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. Each sheriff appointed by the governor at any time shall be appointed from a list of not more than five (5) nominees from the governing body of the Tennessee Sheriffs' Association.

(d) The members of the commission shall elect the chair and vice chair of the commission annually.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.